

By: Hall

S.B. No. 99

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to prohibiting COVID-19 vaccine mandates by a governmental
3 entity.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 161, Health and Safety
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 161.0015 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 161.0015. COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATES PROHIBITED. (a)
8 In this section, "governmental entity" means this state, a local
9 government entity as defined by Section 418.004, Government Code,
10 or an agency of this state or a local government entity.

11 (b) A governmental entity may not implement, order, or
12 otherwise impose a mandate requiring an individual to be vaccinated
13 against COVID-19.

14 (c) An individual who is the subject of a violation of
15 Subsection (b) may bring an action in a district court in the county
16 in which the violation occurred for injunctive relief to prevent
17 further violation of that subsection.

18 (d) A claimant may recover reasonable expenses incurred in
19 bringing an action under Subsection (c), including court costs,
20 attorney's fees, investigation costs, witness fees, and deposition
21 expenses.

22 SECTION 2. Section 161.0015, Health and Safety Code, as
23 added by this Act, applies only to conduct that occurs on or after
24 the effective date of this Act.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.